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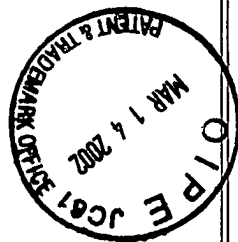
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

H. Michael Wenz

Serial No.: 09/724,755

Filed: November 28, 2000

**For: METHODS FOR DETECTING  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS  
USING COUPLED LIGATION  
AND AMPLIFICATION**

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## AMENDMENT

Applicant responds to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2001. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Applicant requests entry of the following amendments.

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 120 to 129:

120. The kit of claim 52, wherein the at least one probe set comprises:

at least two different probe sets for detecting at least two different target

sequences, and wherein

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